

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2017

Members Present: Judy Dowd, Marcia Eckard, Bill Halsey, Zachary Laudano, James Loomis, Sara Lourie, Aileen McKenna, Kathy Marchione, John Molteni, Siobhan Morgan, Nikki Richer, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Doriana Vicedomini

Others Present: Amy Dumont, Michael Blaszko

Members Absent: Representative Catherine Abercrombie, Ann Gionet, Lynn Ricci, Department of Education Representative

Call to Order: 10:03am

Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey

No Public Comments

Nominating Committee Recommendations

Committee:

- Jimnabs A. Miller – Parent or guardian of a child with ASD
- Jill Caron – Parent or guardian of a child with ASD
- Melissa Gagne – Parent or guardian of an adult child with ASD
- Dr. Ann Milanese – Physician who treats or diagnoses persons with autism spectrum disorder

Recommendations to be sent to Representative Abercrombie

- Discussion of Higher Education nominations
- Discussion of nominations for Tri-Chair
- Suggestion of voting on Child of Advocacy joining ASDAC

Approval of 5/17/2017 Meeting Minutes

Autism Lifespan Waiver Renewal Application Update

by Amy Dumont and Michael Blaszko

- Appendix C to be sent out again

Waiver renewal thoughts:

- Removal of Community Companion Homes and Live-in Companion Services from waiver due to lack of utilization, though members request to leave these services on waiver
- Reducing cost cap from \$60,000 to \$50,000
- Requested feedback from council

Discussions:

- Vote to add Child Advocate to join Council

- Motion to approve by Jim Loomis, seconded by John Molteni
- CAC Discussion
- Need of family navigation
 - Resource Specialists, Chris Damato and Calway provide resources and support to families
- DSS Autism Website is up and running: [Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services](http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=4769&q=590916) (http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=4769&q=590916)
- ASD feasibility funding update
- Procurement update
- Tobacco Trust Fund unavailable
- Looking for volunteers for evaluation committee
- Will give update on waiver at the 9/20/2017 ASDAC meeting
- Discussions on community companion homes at 9/20/2017 ASDAC meeting

IDASH – Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Housing Program

Presentation by Steve Dilella (see attached)

- Stability with housing
- Inter-agency partnership – housing needs of different populations
- Expansion to ten (10) different agencies
- NOFA – Notice of Funding Affordability

Announcements:

- Sara Lourie will be retiring on June 30, 2017. Donyale Pina will represent DCF on the council

Adjournment: 11:51am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2A